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# ELECTRONIC REFERENCE SERVICE AMERICA'S NEWSPAPERS VIA NEWSBANK®

#### **OVERVIEW**

As part of its Electronic Reference Service to the Arizona Legislature, the State Library has contracted with NewsBank for access to the **America's Newspapers** database which includes the electronic editions of local, regional and national U.S. newspapers of record.

The Arizona newspapers (full text) included are:

- Arizona Business Gazette (1999 )
- The Arizona Republic (1999 )
- Arizona Daily Star (1991 )
- Tucson Citizen (1999 )

# A few of the California newspapers included are:

- Los Angeles Times (1985 )
- The Sacramento Bee (1984 )
- San Francisco Chronicle (1985 )
- San Jose Mercury News (1985 )

## A few of the regional or national papers included are:

- Chicago Tribune (includes the Red Eye) (1985 )
- The Christian Science Monitor (1987-)
- The New York Times (includes The Book Review and Magazine) (2000 )
- The Washington Post (1977-)

NOTE: The Wall Street Journal (1986 - today) full text is available through the ProQuest® ABI/Inform Complete™ service.

ALSO NOTE: The **America's Newspapers** database does **NOT** include **TODAY'S** news articles. Each newspaper loads its articles into the database on a set schedule and, if you are looking for recent articles, it will be necessary to go elsewhere to find them.

The State Library has subscriptions to newspapers from around Arizona, as well as daily subscriptions to *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. If you need an article from the last two weeks, you can view it here or we can fax it to your office. Some newspapers have their recent articles on their own websites which are linked at.

## http://www.lib.az.us/is/newspapers.cfm

HOWEVER, if there is a charge to view an article, please contact the State Library, (602) 542-3701, before incurring a charge at these sites since we should have access to the article in print or electronic format.

#### **ACCESS**

#### IP access from any Internet accessible computer in a Legislative building:

- 1. Go to Online Resources page: http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/
- 2. Locate America's Newspapers
- 3. Select Access at the **Legislature** or: http://infoweb.newsbank.com

#### IP access from Law and Research Library computers:

- 1. Go to Online Resources page: http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/
- 2. Locate America's Newspapers
- 3. Select Access at the State Library or: http://infoweb.newsbank.com

# REMOTE access with a State Library Card (for State of Arizona officials and staff):

- 1. Go to Online Resources page (above) or: http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/
- 2. Locate America's Newspapers
- 3. Select: remote access w/ State Library Card or: http://www.lib.az.us/LibraryCard/

#### **KEYWORD SEARCH**

From the NewsBank® homepage, select "America's Newspapers" and then select a paper or group of papers to search. If you have keywords or a phrase that you are searching for or if you are familiar with Boolean operators, you may use the basic **SEARCHING** fields at the top of the screen. Enter your keywords, phrase or Boolean search in the for box. For example, select *The Arizona Republic* and do one of the following searches:

Keywords:

Enter: biotech\* Arizona jobs

Note: The \* indicates that a word has been truncated and the system will search for any words that start with the stem listed, e.g., biotechnology. This is also helpful when

searching for verbs and other words with a variety of endings.

Phrase:

Enter: "solar power"

Note: You must put quotes around a phrase.

Boolean search:

Enter: ((Gov. OR Governor) AND Napolitano AND "special session")

Use the → from the appropriate pull down menu to select how you want the returned results to be sorted and the date range you want searched.

When you are ready, select the

button.

From the resulting list of headlines, select the article that you would like to look at

If you would like to print the article, go to the top (or bottom) of the article and select the **Printer Friendly** link. The article, formatted for printing, will appear in a new window. Select the browser print option (this could be a picture of a printer at the top of the screen or select the **Print** option under the **File** menu at the top of the screen). When printing is complete, select the X in the upper righthand corner of the print window to return to the unformatted article.

You may also email the article by entering a valid email address in the box below the SEARCHING section and then selecting the [SEND EMAIL] button

When you are finished with the article, you may select the **Back to Results** link to view the listing of articles found.

#### **ADVANCED SEARCH**

If you need to more closely control the date range being searched or if you are not comfortable with nested Boolean

searches you can use the Advanced Search link to the right of the

button. For example:

Select the Arizona Daily Star, then select the Advanced Search link and in the for box enter the main keyword or phrase you want to search for then select the appropriate Boolean operator to expand or limit your search and enter a second keyword or phrase in the second box:

First search for box

Enter: (election AND tie\* AND poker)

Remember, the \* indicates that a word has been truncated and the system will search

for any words that start with the stem listed, e.g., tied, ties, etc.

Text to be searched box:

Use the ▼ to select: in all text

Boolean operator box:

Use the **▼** to select: **AND** 

Note: This will LIMIT the articles found to those including the word(s) or phrase which

follows.

Second search box:

Enter: (legislat\* OR lawmaker\*)

Text to be searched box: custom date box:

Use the ▼ to select: in all text Enter: Jan 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1993

Articles found will be listed in reverse chronological order.

When you are ready, select the

SEARCH

Although articles may be loaded into NewsBank within a few days, it may take many months for the headline, author, subjects and other information to be put into separate fields so that they can be separately searched. For best results, always select in all text.

Also remember that this database contains **text only**, NO GRAPHICS, i.e., no photographs, charts or graphs. Also, occasionally, an entire article will be in graphic format and will not appear in this database.

# **EXERCISE**

#### In the America's Newspapers file:

Search all available publications:

- 1. Search for the phrase: "alternative fuel vehicles" Arizona
- Search for the keywords: alternative fuel vehicles Arizona
- Do a Boolean search for: (("alt-fuel" OR "alternative fuel") AND vehicle\*) AND Arizona

Compare the number of articles found.

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